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1. K. Ravindranathan et al., "Efficient and Selective Supported Catalysts for Methanation Reactions at Room Temperature and Atmospheric Pressure", Institute de Chimie Physique, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, pp. 837-844.

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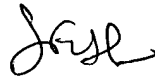
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